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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, MZ

SUBJECT: DR. JOANA SIMIAO REQUESTS U.S. VISA TO TRAVEL
TO U.N.; GIVES SITREP OF LOURENCO MARQUES

1. DR. JOANA SIMIAO CALLED AT EMBASSY MORNING SEPT 11 TO
REQUEST U.S. VISA TO ALLOW HER TO TRAVEL TO U.N. TO PRESENT
HER POSITION AND THAT OF OTHER "MODERATE AFRICANS" IN
MOZAMBIQUE. SIMIAO HOPES LEAVE SEPT 12 FOR DIRECT TRAVEL
TO U.S. WITH POSSIBLE STOP IN BONN. EMBASSY ADVISED SIMIAO
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THAT ADVISORY OPINION FROM WASHINGTON RE VISA ISSUANCE

WOULD HAVE TO BE REQUESTED.

2. SIMIAO GAVE FOLLOWING SITREP OF EVENTS IN LOURENCO MARQUES:

SHE WAS IN RADIO CLUB OF MOZAMBIQUE (RCM) UNTIL 12 NOON SEPT. 10. BY THAT TIME, IT WAS CLEAR "COUP" WAS NOT GOING TO SUCCEED. SITUATION IN LOURENCO MARQUES WAS "VERY BAD" WITH WIDE-SPREAD VIOLENCE, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICAN SUBURBS. SHE STATED "MORE THAN 100" ARE ALREADY DEAD. ALTHOUGH "COUP" HAD NOW FAILED, SHE WAS CERTAIN FRELIMO AND ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN PEACE IN MOZAMBIQUE AND SHE PREDICTED CONTINUED DISORDER. WHILE SHE WAS IN RADIO STATION WITH "COUP" LEADERS, TWO PORTUGUESE ARRIVED FROM SOUTH AFRICA CLAIMING TO REPRESENT SAG AUTHORITIES ("PROBABLY SPECIAL BRANCH") OFFERING ARMS AND AMMUNITION. SHE ALSO SAID TWO RUSSIAN "JOURNALISTS" HAD ARRIVED IN LOURENCO MARQUES, PRESUMABLY TO ASSIST FRELIMO AND PORTUGUESE IN PUTTING DOWN REVOLT. SHE BELIEVED PAUL GUMANE, URIAH SIMANGO AND OTHER AFRICAN LEADERS INVOLVED IN NOW APPARENTLY ABORTED "COUP" WERE TRYING TO MAKE THEIR WAY TO BEIRA.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT REQUESTED ADVISE MBABANE BY IMMEDIATE CABLE WHETHER VISA AND IF SO WHAT TYPE SHOULD BE ISSUED SIMIAO.

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